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Serial No. 10/758,138 : Group Art Unit  
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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE NOTED BY THE EXAMINER:**

(2) (For use with applications filed after June 30, 2003.) In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), Applicants are submitting copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature.

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(3) All of the cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the USPTO in prior application Case No. \_\_\_\_, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_. Applicants claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

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(4) Copies of all said documents, except Cite Numbers \_\_\_\_\_, were submitted and considered in parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_. Applicant(s) claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Copies of references not previously submitted are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

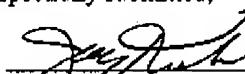
(5) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited reference that is not in the English language is provided.

(6) Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record the co-pending applications listed on the attached page.

Additional information is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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